GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4057
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DECLINE IN WATER TABLE IN RAJASTHAN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan to tackle fast depleting water table in the State by restoration of Traditional Water Sources and water harvesting structure;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government is considering to establish any scheme on the pattern of "Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana or Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme" and provide necessary funds to the State required for water harvesting structure in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the time by which such a scheme would be estabilished?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources has received one proposal from the Government of Rajasthan on rain water harvesting to raise the level of ground water in Rajasthan. At present, the CGWB has no Scheme under which funds could be provided to the State Government of Rajasthan for implementation of the proposal.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.